

## **Public Health Alert**

DATE: June 26, 2023

Adult Bitten by Unknown Dog in Villages of Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland, on Monday, June 26, 2023. Seeking Owner of Dog.

An adult was bitten by an unknown dog on the walking trail near Kendall Drive and Spicebush Drive in the Villages of Urbana neighborhood of Frederick County, Maryland, on Monday, June 26, 2023, at approximately 9:00 a.m. The victim was on a bicycle and was bitten by a dog being walked on a leash. The biting dog is described as an orange-and-white, hound-type weighing about 50 to 70 pounds. The man walking the dog was a tall Black adult wearing a Frostburg Football T-shirt. He was also walking a second black dog that was smaller than the biting dog.

Contact is needed to confirm the animal's health and whereabouts. The animal will need to be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, it will be allowed to resume normal activity, and the victim can avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. The Frederick County Health Department is asking that the owner or anyone who has information about the animal please contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.



